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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph.

[0024] Turning to Figure 1, there is shown a rod holder 10 for a fishing rod and reel. The rod holder comprises an elongated hollow body 12 which extends between an open front end 14 and an open rear end 16. The front end 14 of the rod holder is provided with means to mate with and ~~releasably~~ detachably secure corresponding means on one end 18 of a rod 20. The rear end 16 of the rod holder and nose cone is provided with means to mateably secure to corresponding means on one end of a reel housing body 22 adapted to releasably secure and hold within, in operational position, a spinning reel 23 (Figure 3).

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph.

[0026] In the embodiment of the rod holder illustrated in Figure 5, rod holder 10 is comprised of two sections. The two sections are pivotally secured to each other at a pivot pin 36, and locked by locking means 38 in operative elongated position but ~~rotateable~~ rotatable about the pivot pin 36, so that the rod is collapsible back on the reel cavity body and handle means when the lock means 38 is released. Preferably, the pivot is comprised of a pivot pin 36 secured to a pivot pin bracket 40 on the nose cone (best illustrated in Figure 5), and the locking means 38 comprises a spring loaded shot pin 42 on one section, which releasably engages within an aperture 44 in a shot pin hood 46 on the other section. Protrusions 45 in Figure 5 made of flexible material can be provided in the internal wall of one section of the holder. These protrusions act as bumpers to bias on the corresponding wall of the other section when the two sections are closed together as illustrated for example in Figure 1. This contributes to hold the two sections tightly together, therefore preventing them from any likelihood of moving.

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Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph.

[0040] In Figure 8, interchangeable modular rods 20a, 20b and 20c are illustrated, associated with a rod holder 12 and reel housing body 22 and handle 24 as illustrated in Figure 1. Rod 20a is a standard rod with outside rod guide rings. Rod 20b is a hollow section rod with no outside guide rings, the line extending to the rod tip through the rods hollow central section. Rod ~~[[23]]~~ 20c illustrates a standard solid rod tip 92 connected to a hollow section 94 by a special ferrule 96 which is provided with an eyelet 98 from which the line leaves the hollow section rod 94 (shown only partially) and passes through the end rod guide ring 90.

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